

AIKCU NEWS

The Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges & Universities

UPIKE's newest college named for KY's "Education Governor"

The **University of Pikeville** has named the new Patton College of Education in honor of Governor Paul Patton and his lifelong commitment to education in Kentucky.

Berea recognized as most affordable college in America

Berea College tops a January *USA Today* list of the least expensive colleges in America. More: <http://goo.gl/iOQ5dl>

Bellarmino's MBA program helps incubate award winning startups

Recent graduates of **Bellarmino University's** Executive MBA program have won several innovation prizes for businesses developed during their time at BU. One company, GearBrake, netted \$105,000 in prizes and others have also successfully competed in startup competitions. Read startup profiles: <http://goo.gl/tmbdAl>



AIKCU welcomes 13 students for 2015 Frankfort Semester Internship

Thirteen students from five nonprofit private Kentucky colleges and universities—**Alice Lloyd College (3), Campbellsville University (2), Georgetown College, St. Catharine College (2), and the University of Pikeville (5)**—are in the state capital this spring gaining work experience and getting a close look at the workings of Kentucky state government.

The interns will take two upper-level seminars and work 30 hours per week in state agencies or related organizations, including: the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky School Boards Association, the Kentucky Historical Society, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and several others. More: <http://www.aikcu.org/2015/01/26/aikcu-welcomes-13-students-for-2015-frankfort-semester-internship/>

AIKCU Spotlight Fair is February 26

The 30th annual Spotlight Career, Internship, and Graduate School Fair will be held at the Lexington Center on February 26. Information: <http://www.aikcu.org/programs/spotlight/>

New Appalachia Service Project chapter at Union College

Union College has established a campus chapter of the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) that will lend student hands to help area families. The project will provide year round assistance to local families in need of home repairs. Learn more: <http://goo.gl/uq073Q>

Transy adopts test-optional admissions policy

Beginning with the 2016 admissions cycle, **Transylvania University** applicants can choose whether or not to submit ACT or SAT scores as part of the admissions process. Transy joins a growing number of colleges across the country offering prospective students this choice. More: http://www.transy.edu/news/arch_story.htm?id=1006



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934 graduate during winter ceremonies

Congratulations to the new AIKCU alumni who received degrees during winter commencement ceremonies at **Bellarmino University (268)**, **Berea College (57)**, **Campbellsville University (210)**, and **Lindsey Wilson College (399)**. *Photo courtesy of Lindsey Wilson College.*

Thomas More College and Gateway announce KY's first public-private dual enrollment partnership

Thomas More College and **Gateway Community and Technical College** have launched **Gateway2TMC**. The partnership will provide defined “2+2” transfer pathways as well as a “1+3” option that allows a student to complete a year of general education requirements at Gateway before transferring to Thomas More to complete their majors.

Students on the 1+3 plan can earn their associate degrees through reverse transfer. Gateway students enrolled in the program can take up to four Thomas More courses at community college tuition. More: <http://goo.gl/6ba3wA>